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SUBJ: GOJ APPOINTS EIJI TOKURA AEP TO HUNGARY

1. FOLLOWING REGULAR CABINET MEETING MAY 18 GOJ ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF EIJI TOKURA AS AEP TO HUNGARY. CAREER DIPLOMAT, TOKURA SERVED AS AEP TO ISRAEL FROM 1970 TO PRESENT.

2. BORN KANAGAWA PREFECTURE JAN 27, 1915, MOFA BIO REGISTER SHOWS THAT TOKURA WITHDREW FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES (RUSSIAN LANGUAGE MAJOR) TO ENTER FOREIGN MINISTRY AS TRAINEE JUNE 1934. (WHO'S WHO STATES THAT HE GRADUATED.) POSTED TO ALEXANDROVSK 1934 AND VLADIVOSTOK 1936. ASSIGNED TO EUROPEAN-ASIAN BUREAU MOFA 1940. PASSED DIPLOMATIC EXAM 1941. POSTED TO SHANGHAI MAY 1942, AND GERMANY OCTOBER SAME YEAR AS LANGUAGE STUDENT HEIDELBURG. ASSIGNED FINLAND 1943.

3. MOFA BIO REGISTER LISTS TOKURA ON TDY TO MOFA 1945-47. HOWEVER, TOKURA INFORMED EMBOFF (1964) THAT HE WAS CAPTURED BY SOVIET MILITARY FORCES AUGUST 1945 WHILE SERVING AS SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR GENERAL YAMADA, CHANG CHUN, MANCHUKUO, AND INTERNED IN SIBERIA (CHITA, Khabarovsk AND Birobijan) FOR TWO YEARS. HIS WIFE WAS EVACUATED EARLIER WITH WIVES OF OTHER CIVIL AND MILITARY OFFICIALS THROUGH KOREA, BUT WAS ABLE TO GET ONLY AS FAR AS PYONG YANG BEFORE SOVIET FORCES SEALED 38 PARALLEL.

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AFTER 18 MONTHS OF HARDSHIP, SHE ALLOWED TO JOIN PARENTS IN DAIREN, FROM WHERE SHE REPATRIATED. HER FATHER PRESIDENT OF HARBIN SHIPPING COMPANY AND COAL MINING COMPANY OPERATING IN MANCHURIA.

4. FOLLOWING REPATRIATION, TOKURA SERVED IN POSTWAR LIAISON (1947), REPATRIATION (1948) AND RESEARCH (1949) SECTIONS IN MOFA. ASSIGNED TO EUROPEAN- ASIAN BUREAU FIFTH SECTION 1951, AND SIXTH SECTION (USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE) 1955. POSTED TO GERMANY AS SECOND SECRETARY JUNE 1955, AND NAMED FIRST SECRETARY JULY SAME YEAR. CHIEF, EAST EUROPEAN SECTION, EUROPEAN- ASIAN BUREAU 1959. DELEGATE JAPAN- SOVIET NW PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION 1963. COUNSELOR, MOFA SECRETARIAT FEBRUARY 1964. CONSUL GENERAL BERLIN MAY 1964. SECRETARY- GENERAL, FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE 1967. DEPUTY DIRECTOR CABINET RESEARCH OFFICE 1968.

5. MARRIED IN HARBIN, MANCHURIA 1945. WIFE HISAKO GRADUATE SACRED HEART INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL TOKYO. THREE SONS, SHUNKICHI (OR TOSHIKAZU) BORN 1948 GRADUATED GAKUSHUIN UNIVERSITY, TOKYO. YUJI BORN 1950 ATTENDED HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY, TOKYO, AND ALSO STUDIED IN HEIDELBERG. TORU BORN 1953.

6. TOKURA SPEAKS RUSSIAN AND GERMAN FLUENTLY, AND ENGLISH AND FRENCH.
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